(c) the dates on which these incidents occurred and the number of civilian and the security forces killed due to these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pakistan sponsored terrorist activities have taken place mainly in J&K. However, some isolated incidents have also occurred in Gujarat, Delhi.Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) Since "Public order" and "Police" are state subjects, the Central Government as such does not maintain such statistics. However, as per available information, 3294 civilians and 1661 security forces were killed in J&K along during 1999 to 2002 (October).

Vehicle thefts in Delhi

1540. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of vehicle thefts in the National Capital Territory of Delhi has increased manifold during the last one year;

(b) if so, how many vehicles have been stolen during the last one year from NCT of Delhi; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or proposed to be taken to ensure the vehicle thieves are caught and stolen cars are recovered promptly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. During the peirod 1st November, 2001 to 31st October 2002,7560 vehicles were reported to be stolen in Delhi, as against 8051 cases reported during the corresponding period of the preceding year.

(c) The steps taken by Delhi Police to prevent incidents of theft of vehicles include formation of Anti-auto Theft Squad in every police District to provide focused attention against theft of vehicles; setting up of check-posts at exit points from Delhi; collection of intelligence about the organized gangs involved in auto-thefts; intensification of Motor Cycle patrolling in

the parking areas; compilation of data regarding suspected auto-lifters operating in Delhi and its circulation to all the Police Stations; and setting up of inter-State coordination committee with the neighbouring States, etc. to share crime and criminal related information.

Increasing street vendors and hawkers causing hardships to regular traffic

1541. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that street vendor and hawkers have increased in various parts of NCT of Delhi causing lot of hardships to the inflow of regular traffic; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to immediately remove these hawkers and street vendors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) (a) and (b) The hawking and vending on pavements and roads do cause inconvenience to the commuters. However, Delhi Police and municipal authorities have standing instructions to remove such unauthorized encroachments. Besides, Dehli Police have recently issued a notification wich provides for prosecution of motorists found purchasing goods from vendors at traffic intersections.

Portraits displayed in offices of Central Ministers

1542. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per practice/guidelines, the portraits of only President of India and the Prime Minister are displayed in the offices of Council of Ministers of Central Government;

(b) whether guidelines have been revised recently; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?